

REMARKS

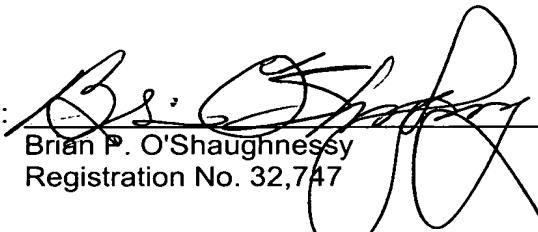
The Office has issued a "Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures". The Notification states that "the CRF and paper copy of the Sequence Listing do not contain SEQ ID NO:7 (see claim number 8)..." By this Preliminary Amendment, offered in Response to the Notification, applicants cancel claim 8, which appears to be the only reference to SEQ ID NO:7. The amendment thus renders the Notification moot, and places the application in condition for restriction or search. Applicants submit that this amendment is fully responsive to the outstanding Notification. If, however, the Office requires any further information, Applicants request that such inquiries be directed to their attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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